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Traffic between Haifa and Akko will be diverted to the Kfar Atza, Kfar Am, Birya road from 10 a.m. tomorrow to 7 a.m. Sunday while repairs are made on the Na'aman bridge.

Caravans in Jerusalem rose by 10,000 last week, reaching 11,500, according to the Jerusalem Municipality. The increase was due to the fact that the city is now a popular winter resort.

A. Rehovot, who has taken over the management of the Rehovot Municipality, has announced that the city is now a popular winter resort.

Nutrition Experts Invited Here
Two U.S. and one British nutrition experts from abroad have been invited by the Ministry of Agriculture to study Israel's nutrition problem.

Mr. Lubianker has also appointed a doctor's advisory committee, headed by Prof. M. Rachmilewitz, to determine the proper supply and distribution of food among residents.

Mule Meat Seized
TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A considerable quantity of mule meat intended for sale on the black market was discovered by police and food control inspectors in a raid this afternoon.

The meat was found in an improvised slaughter house hidden away in an orange grove near Jaffa.

Ration News
A shipment of 100 tons of meat from Brazil and Argentina arrived in Haifa port yesterday. An additional 50 tons are expected on December 11.

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WE have entered the fourth week of stagnation in the management of towns and villages since elections to 43 Councils took place throughout the country. Only now

is a sign given that the ordinary flow of municipal activity may begin again, mayors be chosen and the administrative machine levered out of its long and expensive idleness. The inertia has been ended by an agreement between Mapai and Mapam that the councillors everywhere representing those two lists are to work together for a progressive direction of municipal affairs, but that the actual settlement of issues arising from time to time—and the choice of Mayor is the first and may be the most important one—will be left to negotiation within the Councils themselves in each case. It is to be expected that, under the influence of this agreement and in its spirit, the Mapai and Mapam members will vote in unison; if they differ, the line to be taken by the Labour front on the Council will be decided by a joint central board in Tel Aviv. The main advantage is that in this way there will be formed in many Councils a solid and often decisive body of opinion, knowing its own mind and forceful in speaking it, which ought to make for the speedy and satisfactory handling of business.

It is time then, for the other Parties to sort out their differences and accept some kind of working plan, modelled on that produced by the Histadrut for its own inner harmony, with the principal emphasis on the competence, and the right, of the men on the spot to look after their domestic concerns. By all means let there be stress as well on progressive direction, but care must be taken not to wound local pride or blunt local initiative by authoritarian control from any central Party headquarters. Local voters must be made to feel that they have a real voice in the choice of their local Mayor. At the same time we should be able to look forward to well-knit Councils with members who do not range themselves in opposing Knesset camps but are integrated into an effective instrument for making common policy which is good for the ratepayers, and for carrying it out. The Histadrut agreement is to be welcomed as a favourable omen of inclinations and possibilities on a higher plane of politics. If Mapai and Mapam can reach accord on their collaboration in local government and on the unity of their aims there, there should be fewer barriers to an understanding between them which would give the Government the fuller representation of Labour, and the nearer approximation to a national Ministry, which the country needs.

CHIEF OF STAFF AT ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE



Raz-Aloof Yipuel Yadin, Chief of the General Staff, himself an archaeologist, speaking at the opening of the Seventh Archaeological Conference of the Israel Exploration Society last Monday. Left to right are: Dr. S. Yadin, director of the Department of Antiquities; Raz-Aloof Yadin, the Minister of Education; Mr. D. Remez, Prof. M. Schwab, Rector of the Hebrew University; Dr. A. Reitenberg and Dr. M. Mautner, Lecturers at the University. Photo by Hirschbain

Karaites Create a Work Village

"YASHRESH" (He shall take root), after Is. 27, 9: In days to come Jacob shall take root, Israel shall blossom and bud; a fitting title for the Karaites' Moshav which has just been established near Ramle. When I visited these Karaites from the Middle East a few days after their arrival on their permanent place of settlement, many of them spoke some Hebrew. They are kindly, well-mannered and charming people who bear themselves with a natural simplicity and dignity and but for the fact that some of them speak only Arabic, they might just as well have been Rabbinate Jews from Italy. The days of Anan ben David and the violent polemics of Sa'adyah Gaon seemed very remote.

The Ramle district was already familiar to them. For the past six months these hundred Karaites families, after passing through Fardes Hanah and Benyamina camps, had been temporarily accommodated in tents under the olive trees on a piece of ground about half-way between Ramle and Kfar Bilu, right on the highway. Meanwhile houses were going up for them, partly by their own labour, at "Ramle B." A fifteen minutes walk through the fields south-east of the town.

101 Families
In the transit camp at Ramle A as an agricultural Moshav Ovedim of 101 families; they have been assisted in developing their plans by Mr. Moshe Kerem, their agricultural instructor and one of the founders of Kfar Yeheskel, now a Jewish Agency official living with them. The general layout of the settlement, which will occupy some 3,000 dunams, has been approved, and the sites for all buildings have been selected. A cooperative store is open, so are a school and a kindergarten, and the first tractors and mules have arrived.

Since receiving a few weeks ago the newly printed Karaites marriage contracts—mentioning the State of Israel, President Weizmann and the "Bnei Hakeiramim" as the Karaites call themselves, showing the Menorah—Mr. Masada had already solemnized three marriages, and was due to officiate at a fourth the next day. The marriage contract, by the way, is drawn up in Hebrew, and not in Arabic as with the Rabbinate Jews. The contracts arrived just in time; one Karaites couple was just about to be married by a Rabbi in Ramle, which would have been a "sin" for all concerned.

The Karaites near Ramle have as yet no Sefer Torah. Mr. Masada does not wish to receive one until he has a proper place to keep the Scrolls. For lack of better accommodation he has to keep all the paraphernalia of his office in a wooden case in his tent. He showed us the prayer books—mimographed copies of a prayer book of the Crimean Karaites, printed in 1854, in which the name of God is abbreviated by the Hebrew letters yod-vav-yod. The book contains a very large number of piyyutim that are unknown to the Rabbinate Jews.

Only Written Law Accepted
Mr. Masada, who has a profound knowledge of the Bible, told me that the Karaites reject the oral law. They do not wear Tallitot, and do not know the Shofar, and do not celebrate Hanukkah—which customs according to them do not correspond to Biblical injunctions. Their calendar, on the other hand, their dietary laws, differs in some important aspects: not the 17th day of Tamuz is observed by them as a fast day, but the 9th, which commemorates the Fall of the First Temple, and not the 9th of Ab, but the 10th. On the other hand, their dietary laws do not carefully distinguish between milk and meat.

The most cherished dream of Mr. Masada is to build an impressive stone synagogue at Yashresh, with the tithes of his congregation, the successor to Israel of the centuries-old Karaites synagogue and "court-yard" destroyed in the Old City.

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HIGH LIFE corner. The government information office's official bulletin announcing the arrival of Mr. Ben Gurion at Oxford informed us that he was there on a "wild visit" (bikur prali). It was intended to read that he was in Oxford on a "private visit" (Bikur prali). Thumbing through "Choosing a career in Israel" recently published by PATWA we were interested to note on page 104 that "Elementary school teachers commence with a salary of IL 44,800 a month (including a cost-of-living allowance)...

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Egypt Provokes 'Muffled Roar' from UK.

By Sebastian Haffner

It is very seldom that the British Parliament directly and decisively intervenes in the detailed conduct of foreign affairs by the British Government and forces the Government's hand. The Parliamentary storm over the despatch of modern British Centurion tanks to Egypt, though apparently concerning only a relatively small matter, is thus a considerable event. Moreover, even if it is smoothed over, as it may well be, it is indicative of a widely-felt malaise about the state of Anglo-Egyptian relations.

That these relations are in a delicate and somewhat unhealthy state is denied by nobody. The difference between the British Government and its critics is about the best form of treatment. The Government believes that the relationship can still be nursed back to health by patience, tact, and forbearance. Its critics on the left and right are doubtful whether this method still promises success and whether a more robust and drastic approach is not called for. In fact, what the Parliamentary storm amounts to is a very perceptible, though still muffled, roar of the British lion—a noise not heard in the world for quite a long time.

The crux of Anglo-Egyptian relations is extremely simple. Through Egypt runs the Suez Canal, and the Suez Canal is the solar plexus of the British Commonwealth. If the Suez Canal is cut, Britain—except for the almost impossible long Cape detour—is cut off from East Africa, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Malaya, Australia and New Zealand. At no other point in the world is the Commonwealth so vulnerable. Hence the safety of the Suez

Canal is second only to the safety of the British Isles, the most vital British interest in the world. In no circumstances and at no price can Britain allow the safety of the Suez Canal to be jeopardized.

Force or Goodwill? The safety of the Canal can be maintained either by force or by goodwill. It was maintained by force during the Imperialist period of British history. Since the 1930s, Britain has tried to rely instead on Egyptian goodwill. The 1936 Treaty between Britain and Egypt, concluded for 20 years and hence still in force, replaced an occupation and capitulations regime by an alliance between equals. But it still maintained—and maintains—Britain's right to garrison the Canal Zone.

This remnant of a former occupation regime naturally irked—and irks—Egyptian national feelings, and in 1946, after the war in which Britain successfully defended Egypt against Italian and German invasion, an attempt was made to do without it. A draft Treaty, negotiated and initialled between Mr. Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, and Sidki Pasha, the Egyptian Premier, at the time, foresaw evacuation of the Canal Zone in peace-time, and replacement of the British garrison by a joint Anglo-Egyptian military board, planning joint defence in war-time and maintaining the necessary bases and installations.

It was felt in Britain that in meeting Egyptian susceptibilities, this scheme went to the utmost limits to which Britain could safely go without endangering her own vital interests.

However, the revised Treaty came to nothing owing to Egypt's insistence on permanent attachment to Egypt of the Sudan. Since Britain felt she could not throw away the right of the Sudanese to ultimate independence, the negotiations broke down, and the 1936 Treaty remained in force.

Three Developments
Since then, three developments have supervened. First, the Sudan has made substantial steps towards independence. There is now an elected Legislative Assembly, and Sudanese are employed in high administrative posts. It is therefore now less possible than ever for Britain to barter away Sudanese independence, which is no longer a matter of the indefinite future, but promises to become a reality within measurable time.

Secondly, the conflict between Egypt and Israel has created a new disturbance in the Middle East. It is a high priority interest not only of Britain but of the whole Western world to promote a peace settlement in the Middle East, and to prevent a "second round" of the Arab-Israeli war. Any new treaty of alliance with Egypt would have to take full account of this need, which had not yet arisen in 1946.

Thirdly, the general world situation has become far more menacing. In 1946 the danger of a new world conflict, in which the safety of the Suez Canal would once more be vital for Britain, seemed remote, and it appeared not immediately perilous to relax Britain's existing Treaty rights, and the physical securities which they give, in the hope of gaining lasting goodwill on the part of Egypt in return. Today the peril is far greater. The existing Treaty gives, at any rate, full security till 1966. It might well be argued that by 1956 the world crisis may be resolved one way or another, and that it is better for Britain to stick to the existing security for the next six years than to run immediate risks in the hope of future benefits.

It is this situation which has injected the announcement of her intention unilaterally to "terminate" the Treaty of 1936, this of course is legally impossible; and if faced with such an Egyptian decision, Britain would have no choice but to stand by her rights.

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Better let us paddle our own canoe better.

Yours, etc.,
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Jerusalem, Dec. 3.

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